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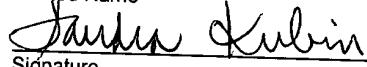
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner's Initials	Cite No.	Foreign Patent Document (Country Code - Number - Kind)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Translation Y/N
		JP 48-39091	08/06/1973	SCIENTIFIC INDUSTRIES INCORPORATED	Yes
		JP 58-31998	02/24/1983	BETHESDA RESEARCH LABORATORIES, INC.	Yes
		JP 04-112785	04/14/1992	OMRON CORPORATION	Yes
		JP 06-153996	06/03/1994	HITACHI LTD.	Yes
		JP 11-64322	03/05/1999	TOSHIBA CORPORATION	Yes

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